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**Supplemental Amendment After Final Action
LISTING OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS**

5 CORRECTED CLAIMS FOR RENEWED PETITION UNDER 36CFR1.137(b)

1 (original). A hinge for an orthopedic splint comprising:

an upper plate and a lower plate connected for pivotal movement, a detent
10 supported on said upper plate and displaceable into and out of an engaged condition
thereby to lock the two plates against said pivotal movement in a selected angular
relationship relative to each other, a spring normally urging said detent into said
engagement, cover means protecting said detent against displacement out of said
engagement by an unaided hand, and an aperture in said cover means sized and
15 disposed for admitting a tool end operative for displacing said detent out of said
engagement against said urging of said spring and thus to free the plates for said pivotal
movement, whereby tampering with the angular setting of said hinge by a patient
wearing said orthopedic splint is discouraged.

20 2 (original). The hinge of Claim 1 wherein said detent is displaceable in a guide way
defined between said upper plate and said cover means.

3 (original). The hinge of Claim 2 wherein said spring is contained in said guide way.

25 4 (original). The hinge of Claim 3 wherein said spring is a coil spring compressed
between said upper plate and said detent.

5 (original). The hinge of Claim 1 wherein said detent is engageable with a toothed edge
on said lower plate.

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6 (previously amended). The hinge of Claim 1 wherein said aperture is a slot aligned
with a direction of displacement of said detent, said slot being sized and dimensioned to
allow visual confirmation of engagement of said detent.